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March 23, 2004

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Assignment of Lease, dated as of March 5, 2004, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Memorandum of Schedule #1 to Full Service Master Lease Agreement which is being filed with the Board under Recordation Number \_\_\_\_\_.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Bank: First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust  
12616 State Route 143  
Highland, Illinois 62249

Assignor: Midwest Railcar Corporation  
3 Professional Park Drive, Suite B  
Maryville, Illinois 62062

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document  
is:

28 boxcars: DME 5700 - DME 5727.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Memorandum of Assignment of Lease.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of  
the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the  
undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Alvord

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Enclosures

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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

**dated March 5, 2004**

**by and between**

**FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST, NA  
("Secured Party")**

**and**

**MIDWEST RAILCAR CORPORATION,  
("Debtor")**

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE** is hereby entered into as of this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004 by and between **First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, NA** ("Secured Party"), and **Midwest Railcar Corporation, an Illinois corporation** ("Debtor").

### **WITNESSETH:**

The Debtor hereby assigns, transfers and sets over unto Secured Party all of the Debtor's right, title and interest in and to the lease of twenty eight (28), 60 ft., 100-ton, Plate C insulated boxcars as evidenced by that certain Schedule #1 dated November 11, 2003 which incorporates by reference that Full Service Master Lease dated effective November 11, 2003 by and between Debtor (as Lessor) and Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad (as Lessee), and any other Equipment Riders and or schedules thereto (together, the "Lease") and all rents and other sums due under Schedule #1 and all proceeds therefrom with respect to those certain railcars identified on the attached Schedule "A" hereto (the "Railcars"), and all rents, renewal rents, proceeds of settlement for the Railcars which are lost, destroyed or damaged beyond repair and all other sums due and to become due under and pursuant to or by reason of the Lease, including but not limited to, the payment of any purchase option price paid by the Lessee pursuant to the Lease, as well as any and all subleases of the Railcars.

This Assignment is given and intended as continuing collateral for the payment of the indebtedness of the Debtor to the Secured Party as provided for in the Commercial Security Agreement dated March 5, 2004 (the "Agreement"), including but not limited to any and all promissory notes executed thereunder (the "Promissory Notes"), including any and all interest thereon and expenses therefore and any and all extensions and/or renewals of the referenced indebtedness, whether such indebtedness shall at any time or from time to time have been reduced or paid in full and thereafter increased or reincurred, and not renewal of, or extension of time of payment of the subject indebtedness or any part thereof, and no agreement not to sue or release or discharge of any persons liable therefore or thereon, or release or exchange of other collateral or any act or thing whatsoever shall diminish, discharge, impair or affect this assignment or the security afforded hereby, save payment in full by the Borrower to the Lender of any and all indebtedness of the Borrower to the Lender arising under the Agreement and the Promissory Notes, while no default exists under any of the other provisions thereof. If such payment in full is made by the Borrower while no such default exists or if any such payment in full is made while any default exists and all such defaults are subsequently corrected by the Borrower, the Borrower shall be entitled to have this Assignment discharged.

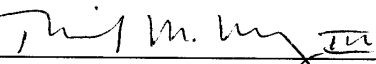
Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement. This Memorandum of Assignment of Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts, each executed counterpart constituting an original but together only one Memorandum of Assignment of Lease and Rents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed by their respective corporate officers as of the date and year first above written.

**FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST, NA**  
as Secured Party

By:   
Gordon D. Smith, Regional President

**MIDWEST RAILCAR CORPORATION**  
As Debtor

By:   
Richard M. Murphy, III, President

STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Madison

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, before me, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Gordon D. Smith, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is a Regional President of FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST, NA, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the seal of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, NA, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, NA by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, NA.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal

(Seal)



Kristin Schmidt

Notary Public

My commission expires: April 24, 2007

STATE OF Minnesota County of Sherburne

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004, before me, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Richard M. Murphy, III, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the President of Midwest Railcar Corporation, an Illinois corporation, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the seal of said association, that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and the acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

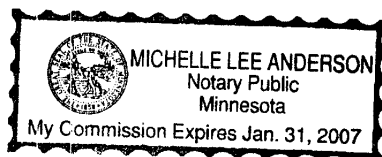
AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal

(Seal)

Michelle Lee Anderson

Notary Public

My commission expires: Jan. 31, 2007



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**DESCRIPTION OF RAILCARS**

Up to twenty-eight (28) boxcars bearing the following reporting marks:

**Car Numbers and Marks:**                      **DME 5700-5727, inclusive**